



A team of Aberdeen Proving Ground Special Reaction Team police officers demonstrate how they might apprehend a suspect during the annual National Night Out event held in Patriot Village, Aug. 2.

## Crime prevention through neighborhood strength focus of National Night Out

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National Night Out, held at the McGruff House on Aug. 2, highlighted some of the equipment and procedures used by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Department of Emergency Services personnel. About 200 people attended the event, which included displays and demonstrations by DES personnel and community service organizations.

The annual event, observed in all 50 states and on military installations worldwide, celebrated its 28th anniversary this year. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local

anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Representatives from community organizations like Picerne Military

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(From left) Essie Bennett, from the Aberdeen Proving Ground Emergency Operations Center, talks to APG residents, Brandi Colon and Katie Holohan about how to prepare for an emergency. In observance of August being Anti-Terrorist Awareness Month, Bennett also handed out literature about preventing terrorist attacks. "If you see something suspicious don't hesitate to call 9-11," Bennett said.



## Job placement programs help military spouses

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Finding a new job after moving to a location can be daunting, especially in this current economic climate. Fortunately there are programs available to help military spouses find civil service positions.

Carolyn Russell, Aberdeen Proving Ground's military spouse program coordinator at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, helps spouses navigate job searches. This includes helping them enroll in the Priority Placement Program or find employment under the Executive Order 13473 (Spouse Preference Authority), both of which allow some spouses to be hired for federal jobs without going through the usual competitive process.

"These programs are separate but work in conjunction with each other," Russell said.

PPP and Executive Order 13473 provide non-competitive appointing authority for spouses of



Military spouse Marilyn Mitchell-McCluskey settles in to her new job as a PEO C3T program management assistant. Mitchell-McCluskey obtained the position with the help of the Priority Placement Program, a government program that allows military spouses to be hired for federal jobs without going through the usual competitive process.

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## SOS hosts annual training

By **EVAN DYSON**  
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Survivor Outreach Services recently held four days of professional development training for nearly 300 employees in Orlando, Fla., as part of a larger mission to improve the quality of service provided to the Families of fallen Soldiers.

More than 100 sessions were held to benefit representatives from active duty components, the Army National Guard and Reserve and private organizations assisting survivors. According to organizers, this mixture of participants allowed interactions and relationships to form that will help the program move toward a more uniform operating standard.

The course options ranged from "SOS Basics" for new employees to "The Spirituality of Grief" and "SOS Regulations."

"There was something for everyone," said SOS Program

**Survivor Outreach Services can help survivors as far back as World War II.**  
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OPINION

Meeting our fiscal and national security responsibility

As I begin my second month in office as Secretary of Defense, I wanted to take the opportunity to share my thinking with you on one of the key challenges we face as a Department: how to ensure that our military has everything it needs to protect our national security at a time of considerable fiscal challenge in our country.



I know that many of you have been watching with concern the deficit reduction negotiations in Washington. As President Obama has said, our growing national debt, if not addressed, will imperil our prosperity, hurt our credibility and influence around the world, and ultimately put our national security at risk. As part of the nation's efforts to get its finances in order, defense spending will be - and I believe it must be - part of the solution.

The reductions in defense spending that will take place as a result of the debt ceiling agreement reached by Congress and the President are in line with what this Department's civilian and military leaders were anticipating, and I believe we can implement these reductions while maintaining the excellence of our military. But to do that, spending choices must be based on sound strategy and policy. In the past, such as after the Vietnam War, our government applied cuts to defense across the board, resulting in a force that was undersized and underfunded relative to its missions and responsibilities. This process has historically led to outcomes that weaken rather than strengthen our national security - and which ultimately cost our nation more when it must quickly rearm to confront new threats.

I am determined not to repeat the mistakes of the past. In order to make the key decisions on how to best implement spending reductions, the President said in April when he unveiled his fiscal framework that "we're going to have to

Achieving savings based on sound national security policy will serve our nation's interests, and will also prove more enforceable and sustainable over the long-term.

conduct a fundamental review of America's missions, capabilities, and our role in a changing world." As a Department, we are following that approach. We are asking ourselves: What are the essential missions our military must do to protect America and our way of life? What are the risks of the strategic choices we make? And what are the financial costs? Achieving savings based on sound national security policy will serve our nation's interests, and will also prove more enforceable and sustainable over the long-term.

We expect that the responsible transitions in Iraq and Afghanistan will help reduce total U.S. defense spending over the coming years. But I will do everything I can to ensure that further reductions in defense spending are not pursued in a hasty, ill-conceived way that would undermine the military's ability to protect America and its vital interests around the globe. For example, the debt ceiling agreement contains a sequester mechanism that would take effect if Congress fails to enact further deficit reduction. If that happens, it could trigger a round of dangerous across-the-board defense cuts that would do real damage to our security, our troops and their families, and our ability to protect the nation. This potential deep cut in defense spending is not meant as policy. Rather, it is designed to be unpalatable to spur responsible, balanced deficit reduction and avoid misguided cuts to our security.

Indeed, this outcome would be completely unacceptable to me as Secretary of Defense, the President, and to our nation's leaders. That's because we live in a world where terrorist networks threaten us daily, rogue nations seek to

develop dangerous weapons, and rising powers watch to see if America will lose its edge. The United States must be able to protect our core national security interests with an adaptable force capable and ready to meet these threats and deter adversaries that would put those interests at risk. I will do all I can to assist the Administration and congressional leaders to make the commonsense cuts needed to avoid this sequester mechanism.

Our military has always taken on and succeeded in every mission it has been assigned - from the efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief at home and abroad. You - the men and women of the military - have never said "I can't do it." Nor have the civilians who support you. That is the military ethos - to salute and press on. The ethos of this nation's leaders and policy makers must be to ensure that the missions assigned to the military meet critical national security priorities. It is our responsibility to determine those priorities and to ensure that you will always have the training and equipment to succeed in those missions.

I am aware that as Washington discusses strategy and policy, you and your Families are discussing the implications of decisions that may be made. I promised in my first message as Secretary that I will fight for you. That means I will fight for you and your families as we face these budget challenges.

The force has been stretched by a decade of combat. We owe you and your Families the support you have earned - both on the battlefield and on the home front. To be sure, the current budget constraints will make it all the more challenging to modernize and recapitalize the

force. Platforms from the build-up of the 1980s are reaching the end of their shelf life and must be replaced, and units and equipment that have been stressed by a decade of combat must be reset. Going forward, we must ensure that the military gets the effective and affordable weapons it needs by redoubling our efforts to enforce procurement discipline.

We also must continue to tackle wasteful and duplicative spending, and overhead staffing. We must be accountable to the American people for what we spend, where we spend it, and with what result. While we have reasonable controls over much of our budgetary information, it is unacceptable to me that the Department of Defense cannot produce a financial statement that passes all financial audit standards. That will change. I have directed that this requirement be put in place as soon as possible. America deserves nothing less.

The United States faces a series of tough choices ahead on the budget as we seek to balance the need for fiscal solvency with the need to protect our security. We can - and must - address the budget and protect the country. As we do, we will be guided by the principle that we will do what's right for our nation now and for its future. By better aligning our resources with our priorities, this Department can lead the way in moving towards a more disciplined defense budget. Only in that way can we ensure that we fulfill the fundamental duty for those of us in public service - which is to do everything we can to give future generations of Americans a better and safer life.

U.S. Secretary of Defense  
Leon Panetta

Go away kids (even though we love you)

Brad had been home from deployment about a week when the accusations came thick and fast. "You take all his time!" "You have all the fun!" "You just want to be alone!"



The accusations weren't coming from Brad. Or me. The accusations were flying thick and fast from our kids—21, 17 and 9. They thought they should be allowed to skip school and go down to Virginia Beach with us for a change of command. And spend the night at the oceanfront.

Uh, no. Not because of school. Who cares about school in the face of the awesome truth that Mommies and Daddies need

time alone. Together. In a hotel room. Without kids.

The more I tried to justify this to the kids, the more the kids looked at me like I was a wanton hussy in strappy gold pumps preying on their beloved--if somewhat naïve--papa.

"They aren't gonna get it, J," Brad told me, as our daughter tucked a big bag o' guilt into the back seat and slammed the car door.

But I wanted them to get it. I needed them to get it. "Do they really think happily-ever-after just grows around the edges of a life?" I asked Brad plaintively. "Like grass? Like weeds? Do they think this is easy?"

Brad just laughed. It is easy for him. It is easy for them. Because I am the mom around here. I am the one who knows that two people building a life together need time alone. Apart. Away.

Really, really away. Away from interruption. Away from hurry sickness. Away from the constant to do list that is a marriage.

I'm the one who knows that intimacy—not solely sexual intimacy, but that kind of intimacy that makes people feel deeply heard and loved and appreciated—doesn't happen just because you tell it to. I know I can't say to my husband, "OK. Babe, Kelsey is at a party, Sam is cruising the McDonalds drive thru, Peter is in the tub. We have 11 minutes. Intimacy--go!"

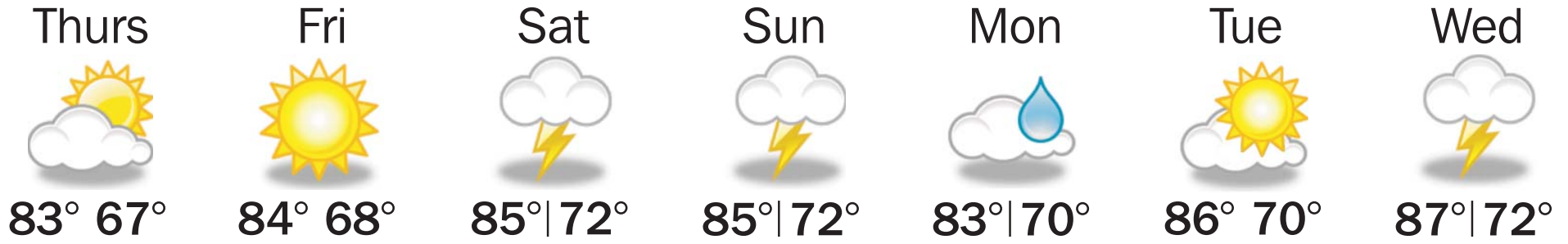
We love our kids. We love that our daughter is home from college and that Brad is home from sea so that we are five again. Five plates at the dinner table. Five seatbelts in the car. Five heads on five pillows. There is pleasure in that, satisfaction, contentment. And yet....and yet there is something about the delight

of two. Just two. Only two. Table for two. Two sets of feelings. Two seats on the boardwalk. Two people making a life together one word at a time.

Jacey Eckhart  
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About Jacey  
As an Air Force brat, Jacey Eckhart grew up swearing she would never enter the military or marry anyone who did. Of course, she married the first Navy guy she ever met. Eighteen years later, she and her husband Brad have moved 13 times. Tackled five deployments. Raised three kids. And Jacey has written over 400 columns that encourage, empower and entertain military Families everywhere. To read more, visit cinchouse.com, where military wives and women in uniform are commanders in chief.

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# OPINION

## Aw reservoir, APG

I’ve been a fixture at APG since November 1971, when I was 18 years old. After working here over 39 years, I decided it’s time to hang up the old harness. And like a lot of other oldsters I find myself thinking “Where did all those years go?”



I took the good old Civil Service Exam back in high school and eventually found myself employed as a GS-02 at the U.S. Ordnance Center and School, making \$4,000 a year. Boy that was big money to a kid who had never held a job before and also came from a pretty poor background. My first paycheck was for \$96.04. Wow! I was rich! I still have my first \$1 bill that I framed.

The Vietnam War was still going on and there used to be a Vietnamese training village down on Maryland Boulevard. The military draft was still in effect.

When the voting age was lowered to 18, naturally my first presidential vote went to Nixon. The drinking age was 18, because back then the thought was, if you’re old enough to fight and die, you’re old enough to drink.

I started out typing soldiers’ manuals on an electric typewriter with carbon copies. We didn’t have spell check and that other fancy stuff back then, so we would read our copy back to someone to make sure spelling, punctuation and everything was okay.

In December 1971, before the annual EXODUS for USAOC&S Soldiers, a whole company safe full of prepaid bus and airline tickets worth \$17,000 was stolen. There we were, a whole group of us with our trusty old IBM Selectric typewriters, were put to work in a reimbursement processing station so all those young Soldiers could go home for the holidays.

I was a temporary employee until March 1972 when I became a permanent civilian employee. I don’t think the military guys wanted to hire me for my first permanent position because they said I was too “green.” My predecessor said “You’re just a baby.” But she encouraged them to hire me anyway. I had to get some experience with the “gubmint” sometime.

I’ll never forget those early days; especially the time the master sergeant in my office came around asking for donations for his son’s Boy Scout troop. I politely declined, but the master sergeant then discreetly threatened that “it would be in your best interest if you donated some money.” Well, seeing that he was one of my bosses and I really wanted to keep my job, I donated some money. Thankfully, people aren’t allowed to do that anymore.

There was an Officer’s Club (now the Top of the Bay) and an NCO Club (the old 389th Army Band building) and all the Soldiers had to pay fees. Civilians couldn’t shop or eat anywhere on post except for the old snack bar that used to be located in Bldg. 324 (now the Network Enterprise Center). Maybe some of you older folks remember when there was a post taxi service and military cooks and KP duty in the dining facilities. At one time the 523rd Military Police Company was responsible for law enforcement. There also used to be a publication called the Weekly Bulletin.

I eventually worked my way up as a clerk typist GS-04 doing Soldier’s manuals on what was called a Linolex Machine. It was an early word processor that had these giant floppy disks to store the information on. For some reason, a few of us got downgraded to GS-03 and I ended up being transferred to the mail room of the USAOC&S. I don’t know how I qualified to be a mail room clerk, but I guess they had to put me somewhere.

I had to get a special military driver’s license to drive the pickup truck. Every day I had to go to the old Trans-

portation Office (which has since been torn down) to sign out the truck, go to the post office and pick up all the bags of mail and sign for classified material. The one incident I’ll never forget is when I signed for some very large crates from the post office. I was wondering what the heck was in these crates, and when I opened one, there was a big scary looking military weapon. I don’t know why they had these crates addressed to our office, but eventually a Soldier from Aberdeen Test Center showed up for them. I was upset because I felt the Soldier should have signed for them but he said “Don’t worry about it.” He took the weapons and I didn’t hear another thing (thank goodness)! Eventually, the mail room service was contracted out but I left before that happened.

When I finally landed in the Public Affairs Office around 1985, there were around 15 people working there, with three or four military photojournalists. We had interns, we sent employees to the Editor’s Course at the Defense Information School and we were just starting to see the emergence of computer technology.

Now, 26 years later - where did all those years go! - PAO is down to seven

or eight people, with three contract employees and five government employees. APG has gone from the Stone Age to the modern computer age with Facebook, live blogging, Twitter, Flickr and all of the “social media” evils that I don’t appreciate. APG even has its own TV station with live broadcasts. Joe [Ferrare] forgive me for falling asleep through some of your social media training.

PAO has moved so many times that some of us felt like the stepchildren in the attic.

We had a nice office with windows in building 314 on the first floor and then we got kicked upstairs to the third floor where we didn’t have windows so that the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center could take over our wonderful space AND our work stations. Then we had to move from the third floor to make room for the Army Test and Evaluation Command. We had no place to go. We were told, “You have to move. I don’t care where you go, you have to move.” So this time we got dumped into the vault of Bldg. 314. Then we moved to building 324 and eventually we landed in building 2201, the old Post Office that was recently torn down. Building 2201 was not bad, except for the fact that I got in trouble for feeding the feral cats – which is apparently deemed a federal offense. Other than that trifling detail, life at building 2201 was good.

So now, here I am at the hind end of my career in building 305. There have been so many memorable co-workers, wacky co-workers so many good times, bad times, crazy times that I can’t recall all of them. Of course, it’s hard to forget the sexual harassment trials of 1996.

The post has gone from being a military majority to a civilian majority.

The Ordnance Center and School and its thousands of AIT students moved to Fort Lee, Va. I don’t even recognize APG since all of the Base Realignment and Closure construction has taken place, and many familiar old buildings have been torn down.

I miss the sounds of morning PT runs with military cadences. I will miss my coworkers. I will miss the feral cats. I will miss George Mercer’s never ending music recitals that date from way back when.

The members of the Garrison Public Affairs Office have been the best people I have ever worked with. It’s amazing how the people you work with make such a huge difference in the work place. At least for me it did.

So, goodbye APG, or as the French would say, “Aw reservoir.”

**Marguerite Towson**  
*Former APG News Editorial Assistant*



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# Spouses praise Priority Placement Program

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active duty military members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the U.S. Coast Guard and full-time National Guard, and who are relocating to accompany their service member during a permanent change of station to a new commuting area.

Spouses who enroll in the Priority Placement Program, or PPP, are matched with potential positions that meet their qualifications and preferences. Job placement will vary with each candidate. The spouse may be enrolled in PPP for up to one year and is entitled to one valid job offer for which they are considered “well qualified.”

Russell said Executive Order 13473 offers a little more flexibility. It allows spouses to self-nominate for DoD positions and to apply for jobs offered internally. The spouse remains eligible for a maximum of two years from the date of the PCS orders.

“The Executive Order 13473 gives spouses, who have never had federal experience, a chance to get their foot in the door,” Russell said.

She said military spouses serve their country by supporting their service members through frequent moves.

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APG military spouse program coordinator, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center



and find jobs as a military spouse, moving every three to five years,” said Russell. “These programs take some of that burden off of them, and it shows that the DoD really is trying to take care of its own.”

Eligibility documents needed to enroll in both programs include:

- PCS orders
- Marriage certificate or license
- Current resume
- College transcripts
- SF50’s and latest appraisal from previous federal employment.

Russell said Army Community Service provides resume writing assistance, how-to classes and job fairs to help with job placement.

Amy Fuller, a military spouse who has enrolled in the PPP twice, said the

program helped her establish her career. Fuller moved to APG with her husband earlier this spring and received a job offer at CECOM in July. She called PPP one of the single best benefits military spouses should take advantage of.

“The PPP gave me the ability to move with my husband and have a career,” Fuller said. “He experiences less stress by knowing that I will be able to find a job when we move, so the program is really beneficial to both of us. And he knows that I will be able to take care of myself financially when he deploys. This allows him to focus on his job.”

Fuller said the program allows her to maintain civil employment, build her retirement fund and help prepare for her husband’s retirement.

“When my husband retires from the military, I will be able to support him with my career while he finds employment,” she said.

Marilyn Mitchell-McCluskey, a military spouse who recently received a job with the help of PPP, advises spouses to be patient. She learned about PPP while volunteering for Army Community Service.

“Don’t just sit and wait,” she said. “Do things to make yourself more marketable, take classes and volunteer.”

For more information about PPP and Executive Order 13473, or to make an appointment, call Russell at 410-306-0173.

For more information about the Army Community Service Employment Readiness program, call Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669.

# NNO displays teach community security

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Housing, the Army Substance Abuse Program, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, and the Emergency Operations Center also supported the event by providing information to attendees.

Detective Mike “Big Mike” Farlow, who also serves as APG’s Community Policing Officer said that the event gives the community a chance to interact with DES in a friendly, fun environment.

“The community has changed so much in the past year,” Farlow said, referring to APG’s increase of civilian employees due to Base Realignment and Closure. “Many people who attended the event recently moved to the area, so this was a new experience for them.”

A popular booth was the Special Reaction Team’s display of weapons,

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Detective Mike “Big Mike” Farlow

APG’s Community Policing Officer

tactical equipment and body armor. Officer Andrew Funke, who manned the table, said that the SRT are the military equivalent to civilian police department Special Weapons and Tactics, or SWAT teams. The SRT is a specially trained team of DES police officers armed and equipped to isolate, contain and gather information to neutralize a special threat, if necessary.

During the event members of the SRT demonstrated how they would arrest a suspect.

“The technology that goes into their equipment is amazing,” said Andrew Card, 16, who paid close attention to the bullet proof shields and surveillance cameras.

Attendees also gathered around the APG K-9 unit’s demonstration, led by Lt. Ed Sala and Officer Chris Danko,

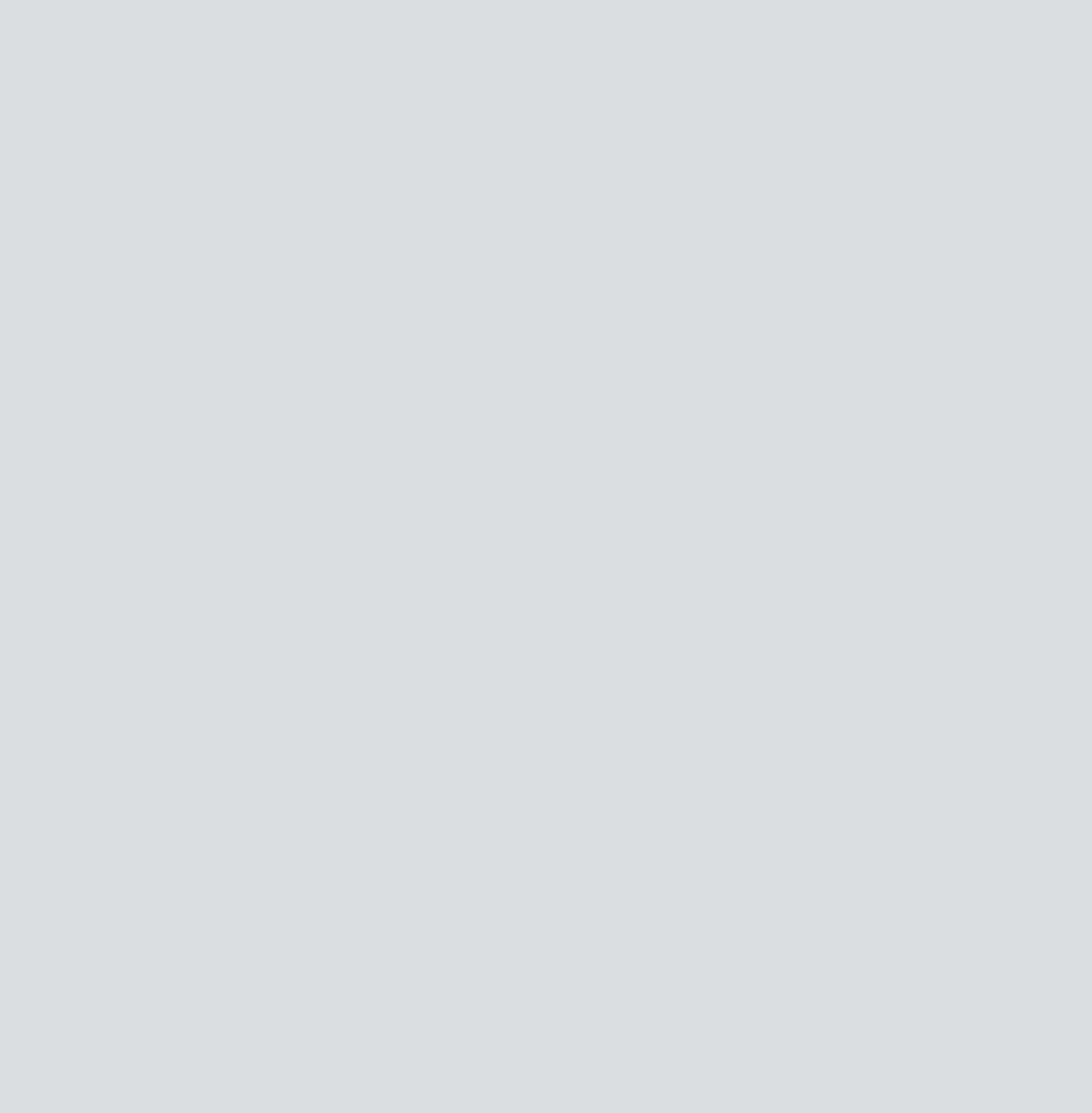
who demonstrated how they train Poker, a police K9, by who performed, obedience and detection exercises.

In addition to displays and demonstrations, DES firefighters and emergency medical personnel gave tours of emergency vehicles, distributed fire prevention information. The fire department also provided an inflatable fire truck slide for children.

“My son loves fire trucks and was excited to meet a fireman and sit in a real fire truck,” said Stephanie Logan, who attended the event with her husband and four children.

In addition to displays and demonstrations, Picerne Military Housing provided a cookout for attendees, and hosted an outdoor movie after the event.

“I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time to make this event pos-





# Don't let alcohol put a chill on your summer

ASAP

The Army Substance Abuse Program wants to help the APG community understand a few simple facts about the impact of alcohol on warm weather activities. The sunshine, warmth and long days of the summer season provide a wealth of opportunities for recreation and relaxation, but, when mixed with alcohol, these activities can turn dangerous and even deadly.

According to Cindy Scott, ASAP prevention coordinator, "Alcohol consumption can cause a lowering or loss of inhibitions, which may lead to aggressive behavior, poor judgment, and recklessness in the water while boating,

swimming and diving. This can cause faulty coordination and disorientation and impair swallowing and breathing reflexes -- both of which are essential to swimming."

The following statistics underscore the negative consequences of alcohol consumption:

- Drinking may be a factor in 80 percent of boating fatalities, according to the National Transportation Safety Board and, according to the National Safety Council, boating accidents are the nation's second largest cause of transportation injuries.
- According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, alco-

hol is involved in an estimated 38 percent of all drowning deaths. And, recent data assembled for the Surgeon General shows that this number rises to between 40 and 50 percent for young males.

- In addition, according to the same report, 40 to 50 percent of all diving injury victims had consumed alcoholic beverages.

Alcohol consumption during the summer months for heavy drinkers, can contribute to heat dehydration which can increase the chances of stroke, particularly for individuals with high blood pressure. Hypoglycemia and heart rhythm irregularities are additional dangers of drinking on a hot, sunny day.

"With so much fun to be had, why let alcohol put a chill on your summer," Scott said.

"People under age 21, and drivers and others planning water-related recreational activities should stay away from alcohol. Even those who observe the federal government's recommendations for moderate drinking - two drinks per day for men, one for women - should bear in mind that alcohol may affect them differently during their favorite summer activity."

For more information contact the APG ASAP at 410-278-DRUG; call Scott at 410-278-4013, or e-mail [cynthia.m.scott4.civ@mail.mil](mailto:cynthia.m.scott4.civ@mail.mil).

# SOS networks to help survivors

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Manager Hal Snyder. "We've had very positive feedback and, in fact, people have said 'we hope next year will be more of the same.'"

On the first day of the conference, Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of the Installation Management Command, thanked attendees for their passion and dedication to helping survivors.

"The most emotional thing I do is deal with survivors, and you do it every day," he said. "If you need help, don't hesitate to ask. You may need support, too."

"Having this conference truly reflects the Army's commitment to survivors and the fulfillment of the Army Family Covenant," Snyder added. "This is an enduring mission that the Army values and has committed resources to in order to ensure that survivors receive the best service for as long as they desire."

**APG attendees**

Annette Sanders-Nash, Aberdeen Proving Ground SOS support coordinator attended the convention accompanied by Arcelio Arlene, Army Community Service financial readiness counselor.

Sanders-Nash said the event was important because SOS is such a new program.

"It is vital that we all work on the same accord. The conference allows all players to learn from the past, share what we are doing now and to discuss how to move ahead in the future."

She said the Army is the only military branch with a program specifically designed to serve the Families of the fallen. In addition, SOS assists Families from every branch of service, she said.

"Our desire is to never leave anyone without services," she said. "There are many programs that can and do support Families as an extra duty, but my job here at APG is to serve Families in Harford, Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne's counties who are served through our casualty affairs office."

During the conference, attendees learned best practices that have worked for other SOS programs, she added, and how to use those networking opportunities to better serve the local community.

"We learned about finding interpreters for non-English speaking survivors and about giving SOS presentations to community groups in hopes of finding Families that need us," she said.

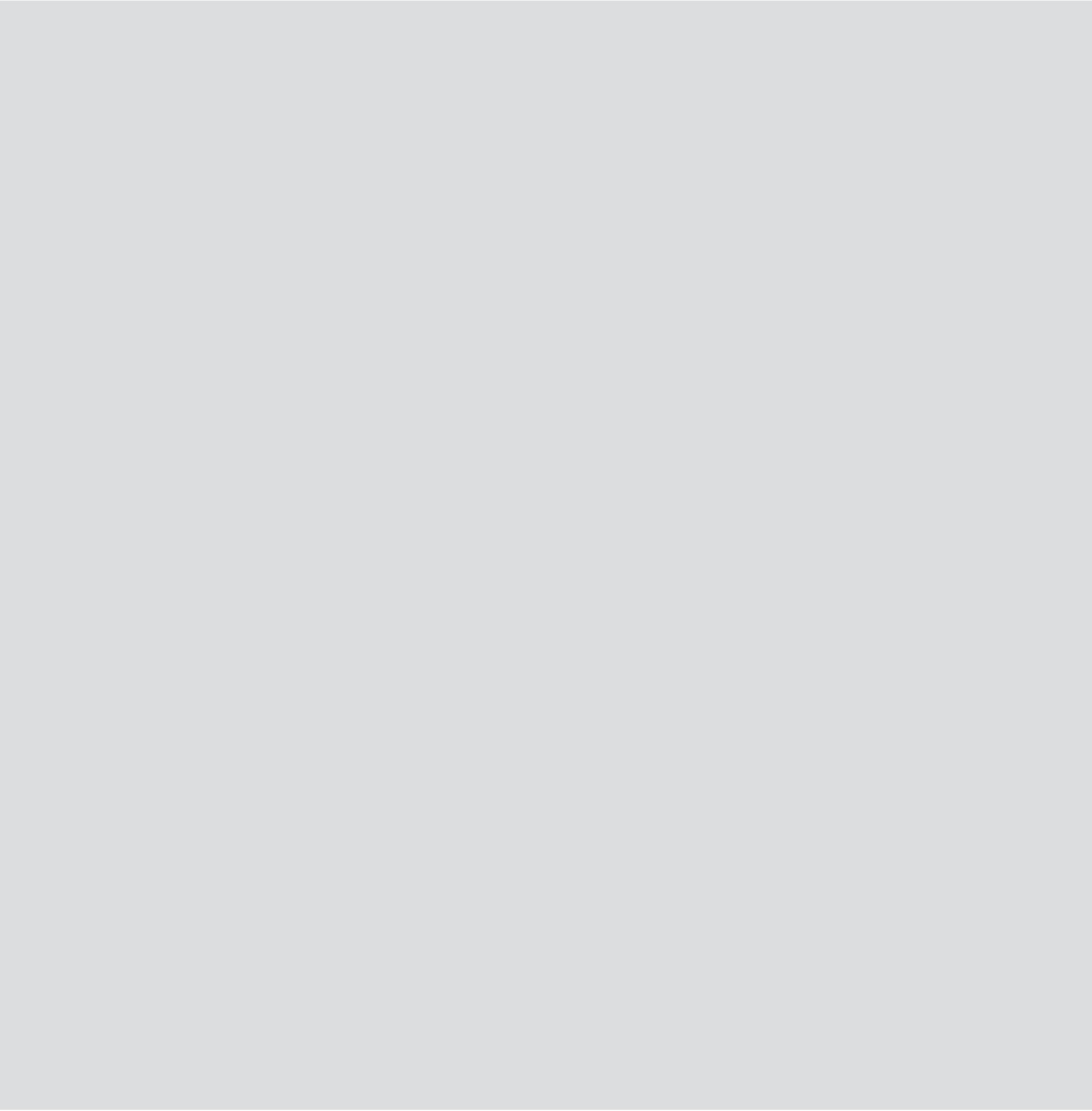
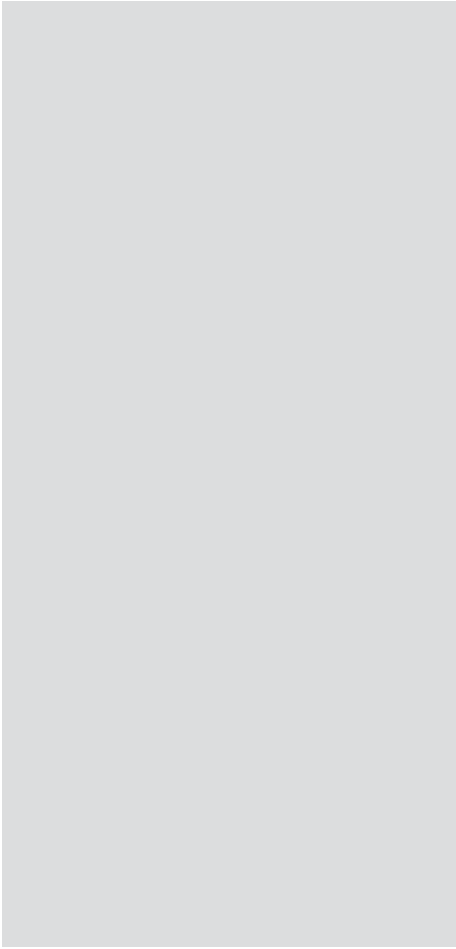
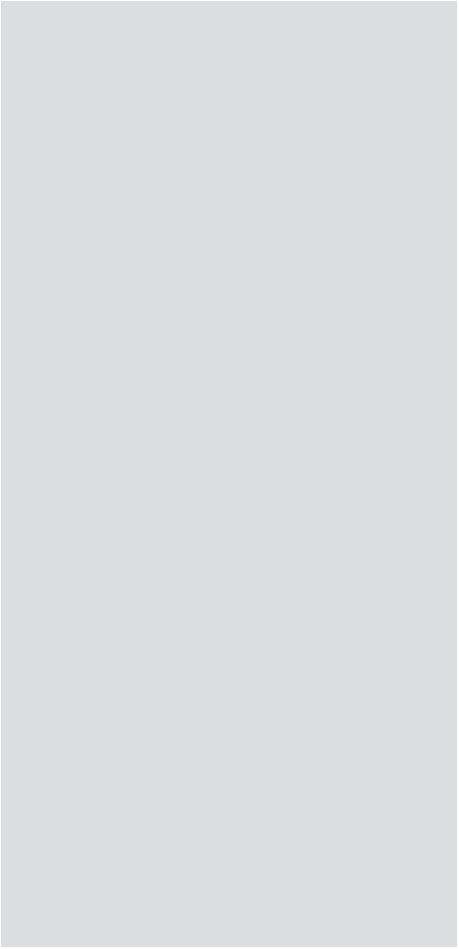
"The most important thing I learned is that Families want and need this program. I just have to be more vigilant about getting out into the community to show how we can help them."

Survivor Outreach Services can help survivors as far back as World War II. For more information, or to volunteer to assist in memorial events honoring the fallen, contact the Aberdeen Proving Ground SOS support coordinator, Annette Sanders-Nash. Her office is located in Army Community Service,

Bldg. 2503 Highpoint Road, Room 109. Call 410-278- 2861; DSN 298-2861; FAX 410-278-9685; or e-mail [cassandra.a.sanders-nash.civ@mail.mil](mailto:cassandra.a.sanders-nash.civ@mail.mil).

To learn more about Survivor Out-

reach Services, visit Army OneSource at <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/FamilyProgramsandServices/SurvivingFamilies/SurvivorOutreachServices.aspx>.





# Native Americans in Army History: Navajo Code Talkers

By **DIANA KARAKOS**  
*APG-DPW-PWE*

The period: World War II. The place: the complex constellation of tropical islands across the vast Pacific Ocean. The problem: a highly trained, fluent in English, Japanese unit that intercepted and broke United States coded messages, resulting in high U.S. casualties.

The solution: the military struggling to come up with an unbreakable code, but never able to create one.

It was not until Philip Johnston, a World War I veteran, approached the military with the idea to use the Navajo Native American language to form a code that the United States was able to stump the Japanese.

Johnston was familiar with the use of Native American languages to create codes from his WWI experience with the Choctaw codes employed at the time.

His unique life experience growing up on a Navajo installation as a missionary's son also exposed him to the complexities of the unwritten language. It is estimated that, at the time, less than 30 non-Navajos were fluent in the language, including Johnston. Even more importantly, none of them were Japanese.

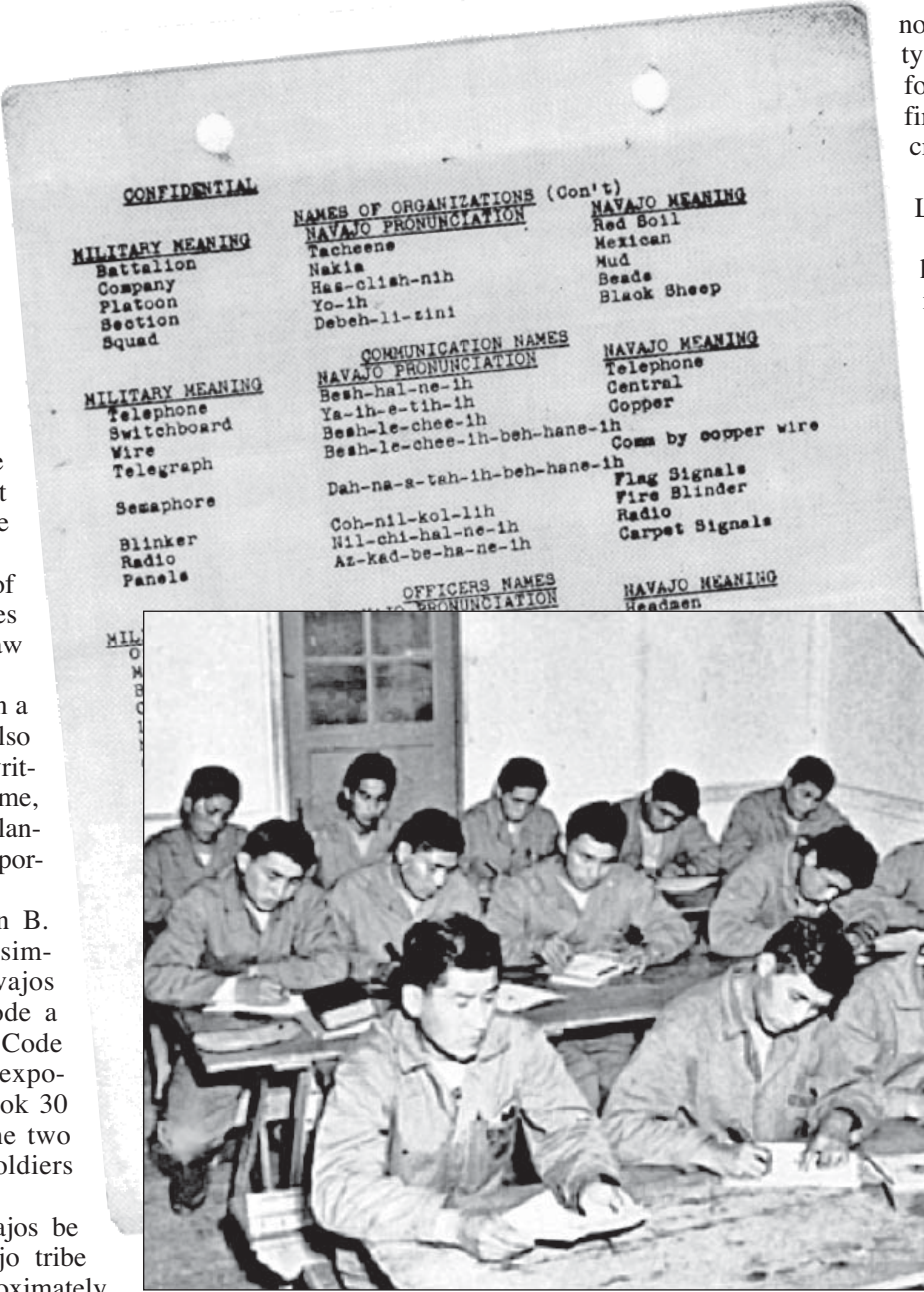
Johnston convinced Maj. Gen Clayton B. Vogel that his idea would work through simulated combat tests of the code. The Navajos were able to encode, transmit, and decode a three-line message in 20 seconds. These Code Talkers, as they came to be known, were exponentially faster than the machines that took 30 minutes to complete the same task, or the two and one-half hours it took some of the Soldiers in the field.

Vogel immediately requested 200 Navajos be recruited. By 1945, out of 50,000 Navajo tribe members, 540 had become Marines, approximately 375 to 420 of them serving as code talkers. Although a challenge to verify before the war because of a lack of birth certificates, after the war it became known that the recruits ranged in age from 15 to 35 years old.

The first 29 to join with the Marines in May 1942 became known as the "Original 29." They were the ones who developed the complex code.

Once trained, they were sent overseas to the Pacific Islands. The Navajo took part in battles at Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Peleliu, and Iwo Jima, serving in all six Marine divisions, Marine raider battalions, and Marine parachute units.

One battle they are particularly known for is the fight for control of Iwo Jima. According to Maj. Howard Connor, 5th Marine Division signal officer, "were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima." Connor utilized six Navajo code talkers 'round the clock for the first 48 hours of the bat-



Photos courtesy of <http://www.navajocodetalkers.org>  
**Advanced training required long hard hours in the classroom, not only memorizing the Navajo code, but learning other communications methods as well.**

now, some 65 years later, he recalls with clarity the experience of crouching in bomb craters for cover, unable to ascertain the direction of fire until comrades on the opposite side of the crater were killed."

Another interview with code talker Keith Little reads:

"When asked why he chose to go to war, he answered simply: '[because] the Japanese made a sneak attack on the U.S.,' adding that he wanted 'to protect our people, land and country.'"

Although the Navajo-developed code was key to the Marines' success against Japan, their accomplishments were not publicly celebrated after the war. The United States recognized the value of keeping this code secret for future military communications and consequently did not permit the Navajo to talk about it.

The secret code was based on 200 original terms that expanded to more than 600 by 1945. The Official Website of the Navajo Code Talkers describes its construction best:

"[The code] consisted of native terms that were associated with the respective military terms they resembled. For example, the Navajo word for turtle meant "tank," and a dive-bomber was a "chicken hawk." To supplement those terms, words could be spelled out using Navajo terms assigned to individual letters of the alphabet—the selection of the Navajo term being based on the first letter of the Navajo word's English meaning. For instance, "Wo-La-

Chee" means "ant," and would represent the letter "A." In this way the Navajo Code Talkers could quickly and concisely communicate with each other in a manner even uninitiated Navajos could not understand."

The code was not declassified until 1968, 23 years later. However, the Navajo code talkers were not honored by the U.S. government until September 17, 1992. Thirty-five veterans were able to attend the ceremony which featured speeches from then-Deputy Secretary of Defense Donald Atwood, U.S. Senator John McCain of Arizona, and Navajo President Peterson Zah.

In 2001, they were finally awarded much-deserved Congressional Medals of Honor, gold medals going to the Original 29, silver medals to the rest. The medals were presented by President George W. Bush on behalf of the United States Congress. Unfortunately, only five original veterans were able to attend the ceremony.

Today, Native American languages are finally beginning to receive the recognition they deserve. Already acknowledged as strategic languages by the United States military, they are now being recognized as important within the nation's education system.

National Navajo Code Talkers Day is Aug. 14.

**Sources:**  
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## Bill promotes Native American language skills

According to an article by Peter Hecht from The Sacramento Bee posted July 11, 2011, "lawmakers [in California] are moving on a bill to create a special American Indian languages teaching credential to promote efforts to teach – and recapture – some of the nearly 100 languages once spoken by California Indians."

He said, "The bill would also allow fluent speakers to teach special classes in public schools as part of understanding California history and culture. The limited 'eminence credential' could enable some tribal elders with little formal education to give lectures on ancient languages widely

spoken before the Gold Rush.

"Passed by a 76-0 vote in the Assembly and now in the Senate, the bill is strongly backed by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians in Santa Barbara County. It is seen as an endorsement of several tribes' efforts to rediscover long-forgotten languages."

Native Americans are part of our nation's past, present, and future and as such it is essential to keep their many languages and cultures alive. The incorporation of their languages into our education system is a giant step forward towards ensuring that this happens.

# JAG Corps celebrates 236th birthday

By **LT. COL. CHERYL BRYANT**  
*CECOM, SJA*

The oldest law firm in America, the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps, marked its 236th birthday July 29, 2011.

When many people hear the phrase JAG, they often think of the scene from the movie "A Few Good Men" when Jack Nicholson shouts, "You can't handle the truth!" Unfortunately, most courts-martial are not that dramatic.

The JAG Corps traces its lineage back to the earliest days of the nation. In 1775, William Tudor was elected The Judge Advocate of the Army earning a mere \$20 a month. During the Revolutionary War, Congress appointed duty judge advocates as necessary from time to time, with about 15 judge advocates serving during the war.

However, the second Judge Advocate of the Army, Col. John Laurence, participated in many famous court-martials, including those of Gen. Charles Lee, Maj. Gen. Benedict Arnold, and British Maj. John Andre.' Ironically, at that time, it was not unusual for a single judge advocate in a court-martial to serve as prosecutor, legal advisor to the

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court, and "friend" to the accused.

In 1802, the position of the Judge Advocate and most of the other staff positions in the active Army were abolished as part of the Army's first post-war drawdown. However, after the drawdown, the entire Army staff consisted of one brigadier general, his aide, an adjutant-inspector, a chief paymaster and his assistants, and two surgeons. During this time, most legal functions of the military were transferred to the various state militias.

The Office of the Judge Advocate of the Army gained importance with the outbreak of the Civil War. New legislation permitted the appointment of a corps of judge advocates. Thirty-three judge advocates were appointed to the

corps during the war—most of them to field-assignments.

Brig. Gen. Joseph Holt, the Judge Advocate of the Army throughout the war, served as co-prosecutor in the Lincoln assassination trials. Many legal scholars, including a former U.S. Supreme Court justice, also served as judge advocates with the armies of the Confederate states.

After the Civil War, the Corps again decreased in size, but also took on expanded responsibilities. This included service on courts of inquiry; one of the most notable being the inquiry into the massacre of Maj. Gen. George Custer's forces at Little Big Horn.

When the United States entered World War I, the JAG Corps, expanded to 426

officers, many of whom were Reserve judge advocates. Col. Blanton Winship's service as a judge advocate in the 1st Army in France was unusual in that, for a time, he commanded a regiment of infantry and, while doing so, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in combat.

During World War II, the military legal practice dramatically expanded into areas beyond the traditional criminal law practice, to include contracts, claims, real estate law, and legal assistance.

The 1950s saw judge advocates in Korea, serving with units in combat, negotiating the cease fire, and writing the armistice. In the 60s and 70s, the helicopter took judge advocates to clients and courtrooms in forward combat areas of Vietnam. Presently, Army legal professionals have stood by the side of commanders and clients in Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Rwanda, Haiti, the Balkans, and most recently in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The JAG Corps is constantly transforming to address legal issues facing the Warfighter and ensure mission success.



# FAMILY AND MWR

**Lynyrd Skynyrd plays APG Aug. 20**

The legendary rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd returns to Aberdeen Proving Ground for the Army Concert Tour featuring special guests, The Doobie Brothers and Dilana, at Shine Sports Field Aug. 20.

Gates open 6 p.m., show starts 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 in advance, \$40 the day of the show. Purchase tickets in person at the APG MWR Leisure Travel Office, bldg. 3326, 410-278-4621; or online at TICKETMASTER.com.

Volunteers are needed to work concessions and in other areas. To volunteer, contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen.naf@mail.mil. For more information, visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

**Discount Aquarium tickets**

The Leisure Travel Office offers discount tickets to the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Adult tickets cost \$23.25 per person; tickets for children ages

3 to 11 cost \$17.50; active duty tickets cost \$19 each and are issued one per active duty ID card only. Tickets do not include the dolphin show or the 4D Theater, but are upgradeable at the aquarium. Take an unforgettable journey into the mysteries of water and the beauty of the natural world.

Watch brilliantly colored triggerfish explore a coral reef. Marvel as sharks glide through the shadowy depths just an arm’s length away.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the MWR Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/4907, visit the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

**Board horses at APG Stables**

The APG stables are a self-care boarding facility located in the Edgewood Area, Bldg. E5286, for privately owned horses of military and civilian employees, retirees and Family members.

All patrons must have a valid military or installation ID card.

Monthly stall fees include:

- Four turn-out pastures
- Lighted riding arena
- Water troughs in each pasture
- Run-in sheds
- Barn with water and electricity
- Tack rooms, grain room and hay storage provided

For more information or to sign up, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or visit [www.apgmwr.com/recreation/odr/stables.html](http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/odr/stables.html).

**Looking for a job?**

Visit FMWR Jobs available at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://www.armycivilianservice.com> or check out AAFES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.



## August bowling specials

- Early Bird Special: \$1.50 per game from 7 to 10 a.m. Plus \$2 shoe rental.
- Each Friday, 6 to 10 p.m., bowl one game for \$0.75 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.

**Bowling rates**

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturdays cost \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on Sundays.

**New hours for summer**

Effective through September, The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday; 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday; the Bowling Center will be closed on Sundays. Holiday hours will be announced at a later date.

## APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

*Lunch delivery is available for orders of \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.*

**Week of August 8**

Special #1: Chicken salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.75.


Special #2: Pork BBQ with french fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.20.

**Week of August 15**

Special #1: Roast beef sandwich on a kaiser roll with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.75.

Special #2: Pepperoni pizza sub with french fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.50.

*The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.*



# Harford County Schools back-to-school events and activities

Elementary Schools			
School	Event	Date	Time
Abingdon	Open House	Aug. 26	4 to 6 p.m.
Bakerfield	Open House	Aug. 26	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Bel Air	Open House	Aug. 25	5 to 7 p.m.
Church Creek	Open House	Aug. 26	4 to 6 p.m.
Churchville	Open House, Back-to-School Night	Aug. 25	5 to 8 p.m.
Darlington	Open House	Aug. 26	4 to 6 p.m.
Deerfield	Open House, Back-to-School Night	Aug. 25	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Edgewood	Open House, Back-to-School Night	Aug. 25	5:15 to 8 p.m.
Emmorton	Open House	Aug. 26	3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Forest Hill	Open House	Aug. 25	4:30 to 6 p.m.
Forest Lakes	Open House, Back-to-School Night	Aug. 25	5 to 8 p.m.
Fountain Green	Open House,	Aug. 25	4 to 6 p.m.
G. Lisby/ Hillsdale	Open House, Back-to-School Night	Aug. 25	6 to 7:30 p.m.
Hall’s Cross Roads	Open House	Aug. 25	4:30 to 6 p.m.
Havre de Grace	Open House	Aug. 25	5:30 to 7 p.m.
Hickory	Open House	Aug. 26	2 to 4 p.m.
Homestead/ Wakefield	Open House	Aug. 19	4 to 6 p.m.
Homestead/ Wakefield	Kindergarten Playtime	Aug. 19	2 to 4 p.m.
Jarrettsville	Open House,	Aug. 25	4:30 to 6 p.m.
Joppatowne	New Student Open House	Aug. 23	10 a.m. or 2 p.m.
Magnolia	Open House, Back-to-School Night	Aug. 25	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Meadowvale	Open House	Aug. 25	4 to 6 p.m.
Norrisville	New Student Open House	Aug. 25	6 to 7 p.m.
Norrisville	Kindergarten Open House	Aug. 26	4 to 5 p.m.
North Bend	Open House, Back-to-School Night	Aug. 25	5 to 8 p.m.
North Harford	Open House, Back-to-School Night	Aug. 25	6:30 to 8 p.m.
Prospect Mill	Open House	Aug. 26	For last names A-M, 4 to 5 p.m. For last names N-Z, 5 to 6 p.m.
Red Pump	Open House	Aug. 25	4 to 6 p.m.
Ring Factory	Open House	Aug. 26	4 to 6 p.m.
Riverside	Open House	Aug. 25	4 to 6 p.m.
Roye-Williams	Open House, Back-to School Night	Aug. 25	6:30 pm. to 8 p.m.
Wiliam Paca	Open House	Aug. 25	4 to 6 p.m.
William S. James	Open House	Aug. 25	5 to 7:30 p.m.
Youth’s Benefit	Open House	Aug. 25	For last names A-M, 4 to 5 p.m For last names N-Z 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Middle School			
Aberdeen	Open House	Aug. 25	1 to 3 p.m.
Bel Air	Open House	Aug. 25	1 to 4 p.m.
Edgewood	Open House for New Students	Aug. 25	2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Fallston	Open House for New Students	Aug. 26	9:30 to 11 a.m.
Havre de Grace	Jump Start	Aug. 22	Students 2:30 to 7:45 p.m. Parents 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.
Magnolia	Open House	Aug. 26	1-3 p.m.
Magnolia	Administration Meet and Greet	Aug. 26	3 to 4 p.m.
North Harford	Open House	Aug. 26	1 to 3 p.m.
Patterson Mill	Husky Fest	Aug. 26	9 to 11 a.m.
Southampton	Jump Start	Aug. 22	3 to 6:30 p.m.
High School			
Aberdeen	Orientation	Aug. 25	5:30 to 7 p.m.
Bel Air	Freshman Day	Aug. 26	9 to 11 a.m.
C. Milton Wright	Freshman Fest	Aug. 25	1 to 3 p.m.
Edgewood	12th grade registration	Aug. 15	8 to 11 a.m.
	11th grade registration	Aug. 15	12:30 to 3 p.m.
	10th grade registration	Aug. 16	8 to 11 a.m.
	9th grade registration	Aug. 16	12:30 to 3 p.m.
	9th grade orientation	Aug. 16	4 to 6 p.m.
	Catch-up registration all grades	Aug. 17	8-11 a.m.
Fallston	Open House	Aug. 26	2:15 to 3:30 p.m.
Harford Technical,	Open House	Aug. 25	1 to 4 p.m.
Joppatowne,	Freshman Fest	Aug. 26	1 to 3:30 p.m.
North Harford,	Freshman Orientation	Aug. 25	6 p.m.
Patterson Mill High	Husky Fest	Aug. 26	1 to 3 p.m.



# Post Shorts

## Breast health presentation

A Breast Health Presentation will be presented by Dr. Atsuko Okabe, breast surgeon with the Breast Center at Franklin Square, Aug. 11 from 1-2 p.m. Learn about mammography guidelines, treatment options, new trial studies, genetic testing and more. Call Sue Singh at 410-278-1771 or Ann Laughton at 410-278-1774 for information.

## CAC goes quarterly

Effective immediately, Community Action Council meetings will be held quarterly instead of monthly. No meetings are scheduled in August or September. The next CAC is in October on a date to be announced. Check the APG News or the APGLive blog site at [apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/](http://apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/) or [facebook.com/APGMd](https://www.facebook.com/APGMd) for more information.

## Women’s Equality Day Awards program

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women’s Program (FWP) will host the annual Women’s Equality Day Observance 1:30 to 3 p.m., Aug. 23, at the Ball Conference Center, Bldg. 3074. The FWP will honor the Outstanding Woman of the Year, Outstanding Supervisor/Manager of the Year and Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals. For more information, call Sheryl Coleman, 410-278-5898.

## Health Promotion Activities

■ **Aug. 16 & 23:** Tobacco Cessation Class, APG South Recreation Center, Noon to 2 p.m.  
For more information, contact Ann Laughton at [ann.laughton@us.army.mil](mailto:ann.laughton@us.army.mil) or 410-278-1774.

## Couples retreat set

An all-expense paid couples retreat will be held for APG military couples Aug. 17-19. Child care is provided. For more information, call Joyce Wood at the Main Post Chapel at 410-278-4333 or visit [www.strongbonds.org](http://www.strongbonds.org).

## Home Ownership Workshop set Aug. 23

ACS will offer a free home ownership workshop Aug. 23 at 1 p.m. at ACS Bldg. 2503 on Highpoint Road. The workshop will guide Families through most of the financial and administrative hurdles of purchasing or selling. Topics will include Learn Effective Ways To Buy and Sell Real Estate; New & Exciting First Time Buyer Programs; The Four Keys to Home Ownership; Competing Successfully in Today’s Market; Breaking Through the Down Payment Barrier; The Home Financing Process; Selecting an Area; Building a Credit Profile and more. Call 410-278-2464.

## Military shuttle service to WRAMC ending

The APG Directorate of Logistics has discontinued the daily route between the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas and to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The suspension of these bus routes is due to Army base realignment and closure changes and the departure of the last remaining Ordnance battalion. APG regrets any inconvenience caused to retirees or Family members who utilize the shuttle bus service. Military personnel who continue to require transportation to WRAMC should contact Nick Curcio at 410-278-2697. These changes do not affect the daily commuter shuttle bus to the Aberdeen MARC Train Station.

## Ripken Stadium to host Military Appreciation Night

Aberdeen Proving Ground will have a strong presence during the annual Military Appreciation Night festivities at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen starting at 6 p.m., Aug. 25. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. A joint color guard from APG will post the colors during the national anthem; a video message from APG commander Maj. Gen. Nick Justice will be displayed on the Jumbotron, and Brig. Gen. Leslie Smith, commander of the 20th Support Command and Garrison commander Col. Orlando Ortiz and will throw out first pitches. Other activ-

ities include display booths by Army, Army Reserve and Marine recruiters as well as the Marine Corps League. Give-aways include Ripken t-shirts and Chick-Fil-A souvenirs. Free tickets to the game are available to Soldiers and civilians. Contact HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Sonya Jackson at 410-278-3000 for more information.

## Maryland Women Veterans Conference Sept. 16; register by Aug. 25

The 2011 Maryland Women Veterans Conference will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 16 on the campus of Morgan State University at the University Student Center, 1700 East Coldspring Lane, Baltimore, MD 21251. Workshops, displays and vendor information will focus on Health Care/Screenings, Job Opportunities/Networking; Education Opportunities/College; relaxation and much more. Early registration through Aug. 25 costs \$15; after Aug. 25 registration costs \$25. Women veterans, active-duty service members, Family members and agencies that service veterans should attend. This event is sponsored by the National Center for Health Behavioral Change, A Step Forward, Inc., and AARP. For more information visit the NCHBC website at [www.nchbc.org](http://www.nchbc.org) or call 410-383-4119.

## Draft Environmental Assessment

The Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) of the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with the operation of large equipment chemical and biological detection, protection, and decontamination testing sites in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. The draft EA and Finding of No Significant Impact are available for review at <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/directorates/dpw/> Comments will be accepted through Aug. 29. They can be addressed to: USAGAPG, ATTN: IMNE-APG-PWE (Carol Young), 4304 Susquehanna Avenue, 3rd Floor, Wing B, Aberdeen

Proving Ground, MD 21005-5001.

## Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 15

The APG Retiree Council will host the annual Retiree Appreciation Day 8 a.m. to noon, Oct. 15 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326. The event will include exhibitors who provide goods and services to the retiree population and a panel discussion with APG organizations. For more information, contact Drew Nobles, Retirement Service Officer/Retiree Council, at 410-306-2320 or [drew.a.nobles.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:drew.a.nobles.ctr@mail.mil) or contact Richard Zalusky, Retiree Council, 410-278-5036 or [richard.n.zalusky.civ@mail.mil](mailto:richard.n.zalusky.civ@mail.mil).

## Reserve a picnic area

All installation activities, units and the public can make reservations for the upcoming spring and summer. Picnic areas include Shore Park in the Aberdeen Area, just off Aberdeen Boulevard and Frankford Street. It is the largest picnic and recreation area. Woodpecker Point in the Aberdeen Area is located at Spesutie Island Road. This picnic area is medium sized holding up to 200 people and may be split. Kipper’s Point is located in the Edgewood Area at Skipper’s Point Road. It is a smaller picnic area located near the water. Aberdeen Proving Ground’s picnic areas can be used for large events, including organization days, Family reunions, retirement parties and more. Picnic sponsors must submit a roster of non-ID card visitors’ names no later than two weeks in advance of picnic date. All invited visitors must stop at the visitor’s center by turning right onto the road entrance for the Ruggles Golf Course. All adults and youths 16 and older must present a valid photo ID. An FMWR representative will use roster to check in visitors attending picnic. Any visitor not on the

# Community Notes

### THURSDAY AUGUST 11 MARTHA’S TREASURE HUNTERS

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a cruise, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., for children only, ages 6 to 8. Tickets cost \$15 per child. Reservations are required. Children become pirates of the Bay aboard the skipjack Martha Lewis in search of sunken treasure. Children will read a map and help navigate the boat to find the treasure. For more information or to make reservations, call 410-939-4708.

### FRIDAY AUGUST 12 CHARLIE DANIELS BAND CONCERT

The Charlie Daniels Band comes to scenic Havre de Grace. The Charlie Daniels Band will perform 8 to 10 p.m. to kick off the Annual Havre de Grace Seafood Festival at Tydings Park, 300 Commerce Street. Reserved seating is all sold out. Tickets for lawn seating costs \$35 per person, no lawn chairs allowed. Tickets for a lawn seating package for 10 people costs \$350 per package and includes 10 Regular Lawn Seating Tickets and one Seafood Festival special gift. Purchasing this package will also save \$18 in individual ticket processing fees. To purchase tickets, visit <http://seafoodfestival.ticketleap.com/>. For more information, call 410-939-1525, email [seafoodfes@aol.com](mailto:seafoodfes@aol.com) or visit <http://www.hdgseafoodfestival.org>.

### FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY AUG. 12 THRU 14 ANNUAL HAVRE DE GRACE SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

The 31st Annual Havre de Grace Seafood Festival will be held 4 to 8 p.m., Aug. 12; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Aug. 13; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Aug. 14, at Tydings Park, 300 Commerce Street, Havre de Grace. Free admission and free live entertainment. There will be arts and crafts, over 25 vendors serving more than 150 different foods, with an abundance of seafood delicacies, including Havre de Grace’s 15

time award-winning crabcakes. There will also be a charity raffle with a great prize, a silent auction with interesting items and sports memorabilia. For more information, call 410-939-1525 or visit <http://www.hdgseafoodfestival.org>.

### SATURDAY AUGUST 13 MARTHA’S TREASURE HUNTERS

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a cruise, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., for children only, ages 6 to 8. Tickets cost \$15 per child. Reservations are required. Children become pirates of the Bay aboard the skipjack Martha Lewis in search of sunken treasure. Children will read a map and help navigate the boat to find the treasure. For more information or to make reservations, call 410-939-4708.

### SATURDAY CRITTER FEEDING

Eden Mill Nature Center, located on 1617 Eden Mill Road Pylesville, Md. will offer critter feeding for Families at 3 p.m. Join the staff at the nature center as they feed the critters. Take a turn feeding one of the turtles or a snake. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 410-836-3050, email [edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com), or visit [www.edenmill.org](http://www.edenmill.org).

### MARGARITAVILLE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Margaritaville Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older). Set sail with island tunes, soda, beer and margaritas. Reservations are required. Credit cards will be accepted. For more information or for reservations, call 410-939-4078.



**MORE ONLINE**  
More calendar events can be seen at [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil) under Community Notes.



# APG SNAPSHOT

A peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/> or <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rdecom>.



Photo by Jim Foard

## NOT SO FAST, MORTIMER

(From left) “Abby” [Tami Woodruff], and “Martha” [Charlene Perry], stop their nephew “Mortimer” [Nigel Nicholson], from tasting the poison-spiked elderberry wine meant for “Mr. Gibbs” [Dave Sheckells] during the Aug. 6 premier of “Arsenic and Old Lace” by the APG Theater Group and Workshop at the Post Theater. Read the full story in the Aug. 18 issue of APG News. View more photos at [flickr.com/photos/usagapg](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg).



## FURNITURE DONATION

Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers load excess furniture from building 4509, in the former Noncommissioned Officer Academy campus, onto a truck bound for New Vision House of Hope, a homeless shelter in Baltimore. Larry Carter and Scott Wallace of the Directorate of Public Works, oversaw the operation in which about 54 beds were loaded for the shelter. With several more buildings to clean out for either renovation or demolition, the Garrison hopes to continue donating serviceable excess furniture to charitable organizations, Wallace said. “It’s a good project to save money and help others,” he said. Carter credited Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades, DPW Director Thomas Kuchar and DPW’s Bob Dorsey with overseeing the program.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson

## JR. GOLF WRAPS UP

(From right) Olivia Williams, 11, focuses on her shot while her teammate Elliot Scott, 13, watches during the 2011 APG Jr. Golf team tournament held at Exton Golf Course, Aug. 2. The tournament was for children who participated in the Child Youth and School Sports Jr. Golf program over the summer. Hughes and Scott, along with John Hughes, 10, and Ana Hughes, 10, were the “Birdies,” who won the team tournament with a score of 30.

Photo by Rachel Ponder



## HEAVY WEIGHT

Michael Bennett, a management analyst with the RDECOM G3, deadlifts 600 pounds during the American Drug Free Powerlifting Federation bench and deadlift competition at the Exile Fitness Center in Baltimore July 23. The retired Ordnance command sergeant major set Maryland records for his age group with a deadlift high of 655 pounds and a bench press high of 385 pounds.

Courtesy photo

